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1. TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL, IZVESTIYA (OCTOBER 21) OFFERS A LONG ANALYTICAL DEFENSE OF DETENTE, WITH LAUDATORY MENTION OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER.

2. THE IZVESTIYA PIEVE, WHICH WOULD NOT BE PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY EXCEPT FOR THE TIMING, IS BY CANDIDATE OF HISTORICAL SCIENCES V. KELIN. IN SETTING OUT ASPECTS OF PROGRESS IN DETENTE HE GIVES SPECIAL MENTION TO THE IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. LATER HE CITES
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PRESIDENT FORD'S EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR DETENTE,

SANDWICHING IT BETWEEN SIMILAR STATEMENTS BY
GISCARD AND HAROLD WILSON.

3. KELIN HAS A LONG PASSAGE ON WESTERN DOUBTERS ABOUT
DETENTE, BUT HE DOES NOT NAME THEM (ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF
THE SOFTER TREATMENT SENATOR JACKSON SEEMS TO BE
RECEIVING SINCE THE MFN COMPROMISE). KELIN PUTS THE
DOUBTERS IN FOUR CATEGORIES: THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT
DETENTE IS NECESSARY ONLY TO THE SOVIET UNION, THOSE WHO
SAY IT GIVES THE USSR UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES, THOSE WHO
STRESS THE GAP BETWEEN DETENTE'S POTENTIAL AND ITS RESULTS,
AND THOSE WHO EMPHASIZE THE LIMITED NATURE OF DETENTE'S
POSSIBILITIES. IN DEALING WITH THIS LAST CATEGORY, HE
QUOTES THE SECRETARY'S SFRC STATEMENT THAT DETENTE IS A
"CONTINUING PROCESS, NOT A FINAL CONDITION," AND PROCEEDS TO
ASSERT THAT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR DETENTE IN TERMS OF THE
FRUITFUL DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL RELATIONS
ARE "INEXHAUSTIBLE."

4. OTHER U.S.-RELATED PRESS ITEMS ARE ROUTINELY NEGATIVE.
A PRAVDA COMMENTARY OCTOBER 22 DISCUSSES THE POSSIBILITY OF
INCREASED U.S.-SPANISH MILITARY COOPERATION AND THE PROBLEMS
IT IS CAUSING WITHIN NATO. PRAVDA AND OTHER PAPERS FOCUS
ON ANTI-U.S. DEMONSTRATIONS IN JAPAN. PESSIMISM AMONG
AMERICANS ABOUT THEIR ECONOMIC SITUATION IS
REPORTED, AND SO IS THE PROTEST OF FRG WORKERS AGAINST
U.S. MONOPOLIES.
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